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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed November 30, 2005 (the OA), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action was initially due December 30, 2005. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to this Office Action for four months to May 01, 2006 (April 30, 2006, was a Sunday). Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter
- Fee Transmittal (plus duplicate copy)
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Fax Cover Sheet

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